

Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims

1. (Currently amended) A hitch mounting assembly for a vehicle having a receiver, comprising: a frame supporting a working implement; a hitch member pivotable about a pivot axis, said hitch member having ~~an arc-shaped~~ a free end that is arc-shaped in the horizontal cross-sectional direction of said hitch member that is adapted to be received by said receiver; whereby said hitch member is shaped to self-align in and be received by said receiver; and a locking mechanism for securing said hitch member in said receiver.

2. (Original) The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said locking mechanism comprises at least one over-center latch for engaging said receiver.

3. (Original) The hitch mounting assembly of claim 2, further comprising a second over-center latch spaced laterally from the other.

4. (Original) The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said receiver and said hitch member each comprise an aperture, and wherein said locking mechanism comprises a pin shaped to be received in each of said apertures when said apertures are aligned.

5. (Original) The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said working implement is a snow plow blade.

6. (Currently amended) The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said vehicle is a ~~UTV~~ utility task vehicle.

7. (Original) The hitch mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said vehicle has a maximum horsepower capacity of about 35.

8. (Cancelled)